

An act relating to community colleges, and making an appropriation therefor.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. (a) For the 2016–17 fiscal year, the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community college districts to expedite and enhance the adaptation and development of courses that are available through the online course exchange of the Online Education Initiative. The online course exchange is intended to provide community college students with increased access to and success in high-quality online courses.

(b) For purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for community college districts,” as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2014–15 fiscal year, and included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2014–15 fiscal year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: California Community Colleges: Online Education Initiative.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes the California Distance Learning Policy, which sets forth the guiding goal and principles for the utilization of technology in postsecondary education.

This bill would appropriate \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community college districts to expedite and enhance the adaptation and development of courses that are available through the online course exchange of the Online Education Initiative. Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution for the 2014–15 fiscal year, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.